Environment Committee Meeting CPRG Implementation Project Ideas – Your Feedback Sought

The Chicago metro region has the chance to compete for a share of the <u>largest climate investment in U.S. history</u>. The U.S. EPA is offering <u>CPRG implementation grants</u> between \$2 million and \$500 million for state and local governments to implement priority emissions reduction measures outlined in Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAPs). The *urgency* of the climate crisis demands quick planning and response. PCAPs are due March 1, 2024, and implementation grant proposals are due to the U.S. EPA April 1, 2024.

The *scale* of the climate crisis demands large, transformative projects that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions quickly and effectively. In our region, this presents an unprecedented opportunity for innovation and collaboration. The Caucus and CMAP have been soliciting project ideas for CPRG implementation grants with the intention of fostering collaboration among stakeholders in the region. Most of the projects are in formative stages and your input would be welcome, to ensure our region has transformative projects and communities collaborating to submit competitive grant applications. The climate crisis and solutions do not recognize municipal boundaries. The implementation projects that are ultimately funded will greatly reduce emissions and improve the environment and public health for residents across the region.

Join us for short, informal presentations about some of these CPRG implementation project ideas, provide your feedback, and make connections to other local governments who would like to collaborate on similar projects.

Meeting Details

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 16 **Time**: 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Registration: Please register in advance for the Zoom meeting with the link that was sent to Committee members.

In December, we held a webinar to share information about the PCAP and CPRG implementation grants. If you missed it, access the recording and materials here. If you have an idea for a large, transformative climate mitigation project, please submit it here.